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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Michael Lax et al.

Application No.: 10/810,937 Confirmation No.: 9882

Filed : March 26, 2004

FOR : BENEFIT DENIAL SYSTEMS FOR SECURING AN

ASSET WITHIN A CONTAINER AND METHODS

OF USE

Group Art Unit : 3728

Examiner : Bryon P. Gehman

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Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: [ ] a Preliminary Amendment; [X] a Reply to Office Action; [ ] a Supplemental Amendment; [ ] a substitute Specification; [ ] a Declaration; [ ] a

Supplemental Declaration; [] a Power of Attorney; [] an Associate Power of Attorney; [] formal drawings.

## FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

- [X] A fee for additional claims is not required.
- [ ] A fee for additional claims is required.

The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE		ADD'L FEES
Total Claims		*	-	Х	\$ 50 =	\$0
Independent Claims		**		Х	\$200 =	\$0
First Presentation of a Multiple Dependent Claim				+	\$360 =	\$
* If less than 20, insert 20.  ** If less than 3, insert 3.				TOTAL		\$0

- [ ] A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ in payment of the filing fee is transmitted herewith.
  - [X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to deposit Account No. 06-1075 (Order No. 000879.0017). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.
- [ ] Please charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_ in payment of the filing fee. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

## EXTENSION FEE

- [X] The following extension is applicable to the Response filed herewith; [] \$120.00 extension fee for response within first month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$450.00 extension fee for response within second month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [X] \$1020.00 extension fee for response within third month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$1,590.00 extension fee for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$2,160.00 within fifth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
  - [X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge \$1,020.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5), to Deposit Account No. 06-1075, Order No. 000879.0017. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.
- [X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075, Order No. 000879.0017. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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## REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 15, 2005, please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments of the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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